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Libya and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973

PARIS, France, March 19 - Following an international summit on support for the Libyan people, Secretary Clinton spoke with reporters about implementing the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1973 with international partners. She said, "We will support an international coalition as it takes all necessary measures to enforce the terms of Resolution 1973." In the summit communiqué, international allies state,, "We express our satisfaction after the adoption of UNSC 1973 which, inter alia, demands an immediate and complete ceasefire, authorizes the taking of all necessary measures to protect civilians against attacks and establishes a no-fly zone over Libya. Finally, it strengthened and clarified the arms embargo vis-à-vis the Libyan regime and the rules applicable to the Libyan asset freeze, in particular on the National Oil Company, and travel restrictions against the Gaddafi's regime." [Full Text](#) | [Summit Communiqué](#) | [President Obama's Remarks](#) | [Secretary Clinton Interview with Diane Sawyer](#)



(Photo Credit: AP Images)
Secretary Clinton addresses reporters at a press conference held at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France, March 19.

International

Opportunity in the Americas



(State Department Photo)
Secretary Clinton speaks at the
Center for Strategic and
International Studies, March
18

WASHINGTON, DC, March 18 – In remarks at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on Latin America, Secretary Clinton discussed President Obama’s trip to the region. She noted the challenges Latin America faces, and underlined its progress: “It is a story of political transition and a broad commitment to democratic development, a story of pragmatic leaders who helped turn a once-troubled region into an area of dynamic 21st century economies and societies, a story of active new players on the global stage.” President Obama visited Brazil, Chile, and El Salvador. [Full Text](#) | [Remarks by President Obama to the People of Brazil](#)

Update on Situation in Japan

WASHINGTON, DC, March 17 – Under Secretary for Management, Patrick Kennedy, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs James Pettit addressed the media about recent the tragedy in Japan, including the voluntary departure of American citizens. ‘We are not forcing them to go anywhere, but we will tell them that we have a flight.’ [Full Text](#) | [Transportation Options from Japan](#) | [FAQs Regarding Situation in Japan](#) | [How You Can Help](#)

Inside the Beltway

International Women of Courage Awards

WASHINGTON, DC, March 8 – Secretary of State Hillary Clinton hosted the 2011 International Women of Courage Awards Ceremony with special guest First Lady Michelle Obama on Tuesday, March 8. The Secretary of State’s Awards for International Women of Courage annually recognizes women around the globe who have shown exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for women’s rights and empowerment, often at great personal risk. Since the inception of this award in 2007, the Department of State has honored 38 women from 27 different countries. This is the only Department of State award that pays tribute to women activists worldwide. This year, 10 women were honored for their courageous work. Secretary Clinton spoke, highlighting the achievements of the honorees. “The women in this room all know how to lead by example: Henriette, who is working for good governance in Cameroon; or Jianmei, fighting sexual harassment cases for women in China; Eva, seeking to stop so-called “honor killings” in Jordan; Marisela, who is starting a federal witness protection program so cartels can be prosecuted in Mexico; Maria, insisting on defending women brutalized by domestic abuse even after her own home was set afire in Afghanistan; Agnes, defending the rights of Roma women from a seat in Hungary’s parliament; or Ghulam, insisting that every girl in her rural Pakistani village deserved to be enrolled in school.” [Full Text](#) | [Video](#) | [More Information](#)

Launch of the One Hundred Women Initiative

WASHINGTON, DC, March 7 –To mark the 100th Anniversary of International Women’s Day, the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs launched “Empowering Women & Girls through International Exchanges,” a year-long series of events bringing “100 Women” leaders from 92 countries to the United States. This effort features International Visitor Leadership Program exchanges that highlight key foreign policy issues directly affecting women and girls worldwide.

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Water Security is Human Security



(Photo Credit: AP Images) Secretary Clinton shakes hands with World Bank President Robert Zoellick after signing a memorandum of understanding on World Water Day, March 22, at the World Bank in Washington.

WASHINGTON, DC, March 22 – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered remarks on World Water Day and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the World Bank at World Bank headquarters in Washington D.C. The MOU will strengthen support to developing countries seeking a water secure future. In her remarks, Secretary Clinton said, “We know that for hundreds of millions of people today, water represents a deadly threat. And the risks that they face in finding water, hauling it, drinking it, cooking and bathing with it, add up to the defining challenge of their lives. There is nothing more urgent and important than that.” [Full Text](#) | [Video](#) |

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